

FRENCH NEWSPAPERS GIVE COLD RECEPTION TO KU KLUX KLAN

ARTICLE PLAN IN PARIS

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may have the co-operation of the labor party.

Clarke, whose idea is said to be that the salesmanship feat of the Klan in the United States can be duplicated in Europe in eighteen months to two years, would not comment on Klaliff-Savage's attack other than to insist the Klaliff-Savage has given him complete charge of the European invasion and that he "knew what he was doing."

Catholics Not Much Impressed by Offer of Klan Nightgown

By International News Service.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—Neither Catholics nor members of the Ku Klux Klan here are much stirred by Imperial Giant Clarke's announcement that followers of the Church of Rome may be given title to Klan nightgowns. The announcement was characterized as buncum by Archbishop Michael J. Curley.

A canvass of Klan officials disclosed that the announcement of the proposed change in policy came as a surprise. None would comment until more details were received.

Archbishop Curley characterized the Klan as too "silly to discuss." He said Giant Clarke would find little support in the Catholic Church and Italy for an "international" Klan.

Head Nurse of Chicago Hospital on Trial as Sympathizer With Klan

By International News Service.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Six employees of the city, one of them a woman, are on trial on charges that they are members of the Ku Klux Klan or that they favor what it stands for.

Miss Laura A. Cox, head nurse of the Municipal Tuberculosis Hospital, is the woman. Dr. Jacob Mendelsohn, physician in charge, appears to be her accuser.

Among the witnesses testifying against Miss Cox were Miss Helen O'Malley, Mrs. Leonard and Miss Grace Saville. All said they had heard Miss Cox declare she was in sympathy with the objects of the Klan.

Reign of Klan Over Morehouse Parish is Slipping to Its End

By B. V. STURDIVANT, International News Service.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 30.—The arrival here of officials who went to New Orleans to confer with Governor Parker and Attorney General Cocco with regard to the next steps in the investigation into the kidnapping and murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas F. Richards near here last August was today expected to put the finishing touches to the tragic series of events which have gripped this community since the bodies of the unfortunate men were taken from Lake La Fourche.

The dove of peace, representing at least an armistice between opponents and proponents of the Ku Klux Klan continues to flap its wings over Morehouse Parish, but the bird certainly seems uneasy and ready to take flight at a moment's notice.

The reign of the white-robed Klan is at an end so far as the outside observer can see. Exalted Cyclops J. K. Skipworth, attired in his eccentric and conspicuous dress, continues his daily promenades around Court Square and often may be seen in mysteriously quiet conversation with Morehouse natives. He is a man known the parish over and his title only adds to the dignity his seventy years demand.

But no one is any longer connected with the Klan. Many who were known as members a few weeks ago now speak of the organization in vague terms as their eyes are fixed on every open move of Department of Justice and State officials. The Klan has been eliminated the word "Klan" from their vocabularies for the present, at least.

Col. Lewis F. Guerre, who has been in charge of the troops here since the arrival of the last detachment, left yesterday afternoon for New Orleans, where he will remain until over Monday making out his annual report. Lieut. Col. R. A. Young is here to relieve him.

Roland B. Howell, judge advocate, general, legal adviser of the troops, came with Colonel Young.

Before his departure Colonel Guerre scoffed at the idea of immediate martial law in the parish and said there was no likelihood of such action unless conditions grow much more serious.

Sheriff Carpenter said he was completely in the dark so far as contemplated actions of State and Federal officials are concerned and has received no communication regarding the New Orleans conference. He, like other county officers, is waiting.

Mrs. Thomas F. Richards, widow of one of the mob victims, returned to her Mer Rouge home today with her two little girls. She had been visiting with relatives at Monroe.

Woman Freezes to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Dolly McMarsh, seventy years old, was found frozen to death in her home on Morris avenue, the Bronx, last night.

N. Y. OFFICER DIRECTS TRAFFIC ON SKIS



Officer Walter Meyer of the traffic squad of the New York police department, boasts of being the only "copper" on the force who can navigate on the slim sticks. He is an expert skier and has won several trophies in competition. The heavy snowfall in New York has given him an excuse to dust the cobwebs off his skis and use them while on duty directing traffic at Seventy-second street and Central Park.

GIRL ABANDONS PLAN TO QUIT HOME

Virginia Mackey, Blonde Beauty, Returns to Her Mother.

Fear of disinheritance when she found her mother had engaged the woman's bureau of the Police Department to frustrate her latest caprice, is said to have brought home last night Virginia Mackey, eighteen-year-old blonde Southern beauty and daughter of Crandal Mackey, prominent attorney, six hours after the police operatives had been notified.

Realizing that her mother's patience must be exhausted, Miss Mackey abandoned plans for her latest prank on the eve of leaving Washington. It is learned, and brought two young men and a girl friend to her home at 2020 Sixteenth street northwest to aid in pacifying her family.

Sobered by Times Story.

As soon as operatives of the Woman's Bureau were notified of Miss Mackey's disappearance yesterday afternoon, they made a round of her favorite P street haunts without result. It was not until Miss Mackey's attention was called to the story in The Washington Times, telling of her disappearance, that she sobered and decided she had better return home with her luggage and extensive wardrobe she had borrowed from her mother.

Virginia has troubled the peaceful relations of the Mackey family, relatives in Virginia even more than in the Nation's Capital, for several years, but it was not until her escapade of yesterday that Mrs. Mackey decided that she must take steps designed to bring her difficulties with her to a climax.

Will Return to School.

Mrs. Mackey is happy today that she has won back her daughter, and she and her husband will send her back to complete her education at an exclusive school in Montreal, Canada, on January 8.

It was her fear when she reported that Virginia had missed yesterday that her daughter would make good a threat made to her parents to go to New York with a West Point cadet, whom the family only knows by his nickname, "Zan."

PHONES FOR POLICE, JUMPS FROM WINDOW

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—James Cunliffe, twenty-four, Richmond Hills, N. Y., a drug salesman, jumped to death from a window of a room on the sixth floor of Hotel Tuller early today. He came here to attend a meeting of employees of the Nyal Company, manufacturing pharmaceuticals.

Why Cunliffe committed suicide has not been ascertained by the police. Shortly before he jumped, Cunliffe telephoned to police headquarters asking for help.

"I am being framed," he exclaimed.

Detectives responding to Cunliffe's call found him considerably excited and maintaining he was the victim of persons who wished to injure him.

With him were Joe Brigger and Douglas McElvin, a representative of the Nyal Company.

"We'll quiet him down," Brigger and McElvin told police. The detectives then left. A little more than one hour later word came to police that a man had jumped from a window at the Tuller. It was Cunliffe.

HARDINGS' NEW YEAR TO BE QUIET ONE

First Lady of Land's Health Bars Reception and Gayety Marking Other Years.

The advent of the New Year will be observed quietly at the White House.

Contrary to previous custom, there will be no reception. The ceremony, which, in the past, has drawn thousands to grasp the hand of the President and his wife, is to be omitted.

President Harding plans to lay aside entirely the cares of his office, and spend the day quietly with Mrs. Harding, truly thankful for her miraculous recovery from the illness which began last September and for a while threatened to end in death. As on Thanksgiving and Christmas, the President and Mrs. Harding will dine together downstairs, probably receiving a very few close friends.

The New Year finds Mrs. Harding still very weak, but steadily and surely returning to at least a substantial semblance of her former health. She soon will be able to walk about the house, and, possibly within another month, resume some of her duties as the First Lady of the Land.

Curiously, the fact that there is no New Year reception is the only thing which mars the happiness of the holiday for Mrs. Harding. Always energetic, she has informed friends she keenly regrets that it has been necessary to call off the dogs of the New Year.

Well wishes are pouring into the White House from foreign rulers, high Government officials, and from admirers all over the land.

TWO ATHLETES DIE TO SAVE D. C. GIRL

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the past two seasons as a backfield man at Lafayette college during the last two seasons. "Boys" was prominently mentioned for all American honors during this season and last and in 1922 led all the eastern players in point-scoring.

Wray was not so well known in an athletic sense, but came of a prominent Philadelphia family, residing in the Chestnut Hill section. He was a brother of "Lud" Wray, for three seasons varsity center of the Pennsylvania team. In 1920 he alternated with his brother in playing the position on the first team.

The dead athlete, however, lacked sufficient weight to hold down the position permanently.

Writers Club Meeting.

Reading of original short stories and poetry by members of the Washington Writers' Club featured a regular meeting held at the Public Library last night. Report of the last meeting was read by Miss Minnie Goode. The vice president made an address.

U. S. HOLDS OFF TILL HARVEY COMES

Harding Expected to Sanction Nothing More Than Commission of Experts.

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If France persists in her announced intention of occupying the Ruhr basin on January 15, then it is entirely probable the American Government will intervene with a "plan" to adjust the differences and designed particularly to forestall a French military thrust at the Ruhr.

This is the policy of President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, as gleaned today from the numerous official statements, semi-official statements, and plain, ordinary conjectures with which Washington has been deluged in the last twenty-four hours.

Not the least American program has been worked out, it was stated officially today, nor is one likely to be in advance of the arrival of Col. George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, who is due in Washington about the same time the allied plenipotentiaries gather in Paris. Colonel Harvey has been summoned home for the sole purpose of advising President Harding and Secretary Hughes as to American policy in the "crisis."

Hughes Wants Facts.

It is more than likely, however, that this contemplated American action will be along the general line proposed by Secretary of State Hughes in his speech in New Haven last night—an international commission of economic experts, a "fact finding commission," appointed by the government and authorized to survey the reparations situation and render an impartial, non-political report on Germany's ability to pay.

It is around this proposal that informal conversations and "feelers" have been in progress in the capitals of Europe some weeks.

Thus far, the French government has been distinctly cold to the proposition. But the opinion is held by some of the President's closest advisers that if the United States were formally and publicly to propose such a solution, with the combined backing of Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and Germany herself, and accompany it with objections to French military action in the Ruhr, the French plenipotentiaries would be forced to change his attitude or accept the disagreeable alternative of seeing France morally isolated among the leading world powers.

It is not believed, in Washington, at any rate, that the French government could long withstand the combined moral and diplomatic pressure that could be exerted against it to come into line.

Borah Still Pleased.

It matters little, officials said today, whether the work of such a group of experts would be called an "economic conference" or "an economic commission." That part of it also is of small concern to Senator William E. Borah, who caused all the furor in the Senate by his insistence that President Harding call an economic conference. The difference, in Borah's opinion, is the difference between twelve-dum and twelve-dee.

Senator Borah was in high good humor today.

"The difference between an economic conference and a conference of economic experts is not apparent to me," he informed the International News Service.

"I rose by any other name smells just as sweetly."

"I am perfectly well satisfied with the situation. I feel as though I were in the position of the cat who sat and waited for the cat to jump, feeling he knew all the time which way the jump was coming."

No world conference to deal with a variety of economic and financial problems, called by his Government, that much seemed certain today. President Harding is personally opposed to such a parley, unlimited in scope or direction, and Secretary of State Hughes is even more opposed to it. Nor will any conference of that kind, he called to meet in Washington, according to the White House. The field of operation for whatever conference or commission is formed is in Europe, and the Administration is convinced that it should meet in Europe.

While the United States will not officially be represented to the meeting of plenipotentiaries in Paris on Tuesday, nevertheless Ambassador Herrick will keep President Harding and Secretary Hughes fully informed on the progress of the meeting. And it is entirely probable that Herrick will play an active, though unofficial, part in the proceedings.

The absence of the United States, officially at least, from the Paris meeting of plenipotentiaries is in line with the Harding-Hughes policy of "letting Europe settle Europe's problems" if that is possible without American help. When it is apparent that these world problems cannot be settled without American aid, then the United States can be brought in, it was stated officially today, to come forward with remedial suggestions.

TWO OF ITALIAN CREW HELD AS DRUG SELLERS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Charged with trafficking in drugs, two members of the crew of an Italian tramp steamer were arrested by Federal agents yesterday after they had given a sample of cocaine to a local narcotic agent, telling him that their vessel had brought \$5,000 worth of the drug to be sold in this city.

They are Penciara Domenico Di Vittoria, thirty-six years old, of Genoa, Italy, engineer of the S. S. Montella, and Vianello Domenico Di Emerzido, thirty-three, of Venice, Italy, assistant engineer.

A hearing before Commissioner Manley both men were held in \$1,000 bail each for a further hearing tomorrow.

EXILE HOME OF FORMER SULTAN



The permanent residence of the former Sultan of Turkey at Port Tigne, Malta. The residence was formerly used as the officers mess hall of the British Garrison stationed near Malta.

SENATOR BORAH NOW IN NEW POSITION

Hard Says He Is Good Democrat, Good Republican, and an Explorer.

By WILLIAM HARD, Cosmopolitan News Service.

Now that the Borah resolution for an international economic conference has been introduced and debated and withdrawn, it becomes possible to estimate and frankly to set forth its full consequences in Europe and in the United States.

In Europe its full consequences are a round net zero. The sticking point in the rearrangement of the affairs of Europe, the policy of France, information gathered here is conclusive to the effect that France will never essentially change and will not abate her policy as long as in any important degree she has for it the support of Great Britain.

William E. Borah, France can be moved—if at all—only by Great Britain and the United States together. A joint effort by Great Britain and the United States has yet apparently been effectively organized. Until it is, the affairs of Europe are going to be settled at Paris and not at London or at Washington. That's that.

Meanwhile, however, the consequences of the Borah resolution in the United States are momentous. We have not observed any shift in the politics of Europe, but we have observed a profound shift in the politics of the United States. Senator Borah has once more proved himself the ablest parliamentarian in America. In order to perceive the consequences of what he has done, we must first, however, clearly perceive precisely what it is that he has done.

It is this:

Himself now an open and avowed rescuer of Europe, he has compelled the Administration to assume responsibility for the European situation and into that same avowed, himself now somewhat Wilsonian, he has compelled the Administration to admit that it also is now somewhat Wilsonian. Drawing a new line across the field of Republican American foreign policy, he has dragged the Administration out of the coverts of secret diplomacy, and has obliged it publicly to come over to his side of the new line and publicly to declare that it in fact is running in the same direction in which his parliamentary finger is publicly pointing. He has revealed a new scene—a new Republican Wilsonian scene—and by revealing it he dominates it.

That is what Mr. Borah has done, and that is what Mr. Johnson of California outstandingly deplored and denounced; and the consequences are as follows:

Mr. Johnson becomes the great surviving nationally popular leader of all those elements in the Republican irreconcilable and isolationist principles of 1920. Mr. Borah has not only departed somewhat from those principles himself, but he has exhibited Mr. Harding also somewhat departing from them. He has put Mr. Harding and himself on one side of the issue, and he has whiled the other side of the issue dominantly and supremely to the Johnsons now and two years from now.

That is the first consequence. The other has to do with Mr. Borah. He is a Democrat by his votes in favor of state's rights and by his votes in opposition to high tariff schedules. He needed only one more quality in order to be as good a Democrat as Senator Underwood. He needed only a belief in rescuing Europe. He now has it. But even while thus good Republican and a good Democrat, his customary posture is that of an ardent political explorer standing on a peak of prophecy and happily announcing motion.

Blind Actress Makes Hit In Song Recital

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Once upon a time a song writer dashed off a moaning melody about "the heart of a city that has no heart," meaning Broadway, of course. But it isn't necessary for New York to have a heart because Hoboken is just across the river and Hoboken has a heart such as no other city can boast.

At least Mollie Fuller, Broadway star of twenty-five years ago, who is blind, thinks that there is a great big throbbing heart over there on the Jersey shore.

Large audiences showed thorough appreciation of her two songs, delivered with the dignity and pathos of other years. In fact, Mollie was a hit.

"Blindness, after all, is not the worst thing in life," said Miss Fuller, in her dressing room. "I thank God I am able to do something and do not have to sit in idleness and blackness for the rest of my life. I had feared this was to be my fate."

SHRINE TO SEND MESSAGE BY RADIO

Potentate Steuart Plans to Broadcast New Year Greetings.

Shrine temples in all parts of the United States have made arrangements, through Noble Thomas J. Williams, 1324 New York avenue northwest, to receive a New Year message to be broadcasted New Year Day by Potentate Leonard P. Steuart, of Almas Temple, speaking for the 1923 Shrine committee.

Potentate Steuart will outline in his message the plans being made by Almas Temple for the entertainment of the 500,000 Shriners expected here next June for the annual session.

The New Year message will be broadcasted from the plant of Noble Williams and will be relayed to every part of the country.

The message will be a feature of the annual New Year reception by the Almas Temple Patrol, from 2 to 6 o'clock Monday afternoon, at 1324 New York avenue northwest. The rooms have been especially decorated for the occasion, and Nobles and their families are asked to attend. Andrew J. Walker is head of the committee in charge of the event.

The potentate's message will be the first of a series of messages carrying the story of Washington and the coming session from Almas Temple to the nation, to be broadcasted each day at noon.

MASTER SURE DOG, GONE FIVE YEARS, WILL RETURN

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Five years is a long, long time for hope to keep green and fresh in the heart of a sixty-year-old man, but never once during that time has the heart of John Schnell, a clerk in a candy factory, that "Felix" will come back again, wavered.

"Felix" is a plain, ordinary, black and tan dog, but to the master whose life he once saved and whose sole companion he once was, he is a real friend without price or comparison.

Every week during the five years Schnell rounds of the long line of cages at the city's pound, peering earnestly into the friendly faces of the inmates, he has been looking for the loved form of his missing friend. And every week the result is the same—for Felix has failed to show up.

"I know he'll come, though," Schnell pathetically insists.

the prospect in America of a new third party.

Mr. Borah has become our supreme instance of an all-party and no-party parliamentary influence. Mr. Johnson has become supremely the leader of a definite historic American cause in a definite historic American party. Those are the consequences—unimportant in Europe, crucial in America—which have proceeded from Mr. Borah's international economic conference motion.

BORAH ACCEPTS HUGHES' PLAN FOR EUROPE

Capper Also Favors Economic Conference on German Reparations Tangle.

General approval of Secretary Hughes' suggestion to have a commission of experts untangle the German reparations muddle was voiced here today in Senatorial circles.

Senator Borah of Idaho, whose request that President Harding call an economic conference led to three days' uproar in the Senate, said: "I take it this is the first step toward considering the economic problems of Europe. It is important to have expert knowledge, of course, and it is to be assured these experts would aid in the untangling of the existing situation."

Senator Capper of Kansas, chairman of the Agricultural Bloc, said: "Any practical move toward an economic conference meets with my approval. My own opinion is that a conference is inevitable, sooner or later, and better a better meeting of the experts will pave the way."

One Senator who declined to permit use of his name suggested that the Reparations Commission is now a commission of experts, and he questioned the advisability of naming another.

COURT HEARING ON EASTERDAY POSTPONED

Illness of Mrs. Holland, Mother of Girl, Continues Hearing on Charges.

Because of the illness of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, of the Chastleton, arraignment of Wilen W. Easterday, whom she charges with threatening her with bodily harm, was today postponed until Wednesday.

Easterday, who gained notoriety through his alleged connection with the Nicky Arnstein \$5,000,000 bond theft case, which earned him a four-year sentence to penitentiary and which he is now appealing, yesterday posted \$300 for his appearance.

Sensation Simmers Down

The sensation caused by charges by Mrs. Holland that Easterday had lured "her pretty daughter, Gwendolyn Jenkins Holland away from her" and that declarations of the pair that they would be married as soon as the man is divorced from Gloria Foy, Follies girl, had to some degree simmered down this morning. But there are bitter feelings in the apartment at the Chastleton and in the heart of "Gwen."

"She'd better not come home now," angrily declared Gwendolyn's chaperone, this morning. "She has caused my mother's prostration."

Mrs. Holland, said Caroline, is under care of a physician and has been ordered not to leave her bed for several days.

Sisterly love isn't all quelled, however.

"Please, please let me know any thing you hear about her," requested Caroline.

Easterday was arrested on the threats warrant yesterday afternoon by Headquarters Detective Ed Kelly.

Miss Holland emphatically denied that she is in hiding, and said she has never self-supporting for the past two years, and that she removed from her mother's apartment with the consent of her mother and because her mother had made false accusations against Mr. Easterday.

"My mother has accused Mr. Easterday of making threats against her life," she said. "I knew that they were false, because I was present during the entire time that my mother and Mr. Easterday were talking together, and I requested Mr. Wood, Mr. Easterday's attorney, to go with me to my mother, so that I might ask my mother to explain why she had made such accusations against Mr. Easterday. My mother admitted that she had made the accusations, but could not state what Mr. Easterday had said which would constitute threats. Everything which she stated Mr. Easterday had said was a lie, and none of the statements could be possibly considered threats of any kind."

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VATICAN TERMS PROPOSED TO QUIRINAL

Reconciliation With Italy Favored by Pope and Mussolini.

By GUGLIELMO EMANUEL, International News Service.

ROME, Dec. 30.—Negotiations for a reconciliation between the Italian state and the Vatican have reached the stage where actual terms have been proposed. It was learned in official circles today.

The conditions imposed by the Vatican were outlined as follows:

Papal sovereignty shall be recognized over the palaces in the Vatican gardens and at Villa Castel Gandolfo as well as other buildings which have been the property of the church for centuries.

Pope Pius XI shall renounce all other territorial claims, but will request an annuity of 3,200,000 lire, which has been a standing offer from the Italian government since 1870.

The Vatican requests that the agreement, if ratified, shall be communicated to all foreign governments, together with guarantees of the independence of the church.

The movement for reconciliation between the Vatican and Quirinal has taken definite form since the creation of the Fascist government headed by Premier Mussolini.

Pope Pius XI is favorable to the proposals, and at the time of his accession to the papal throne last year it was reported that one of the first official actions of the papal government would be to make an offer to the Italian government.

TWO ACCUSED OF XMAS MAIL THEFTS

Hundreds of Packages Missing From D. C. Terminal Station.

The theft of hundreds of Christmas and pre-Christmas packages from the mails en route through Union Station, were cleared up today, the police believe, when two employees were arrested by Charles Hamilton, officer of the Washington Terminal Police Department, following two months' investigation.

The men arrested are John Samuel Hartman, eighteen years old, residing at 1207 Thirtieth street northwest, and Frederick William Lynch, twenty-seven years old, residing at 1442 Ives place southeast.

Stolen Goods Recovered.

Hundreds of articles are included in the lot taken from the Union Station, ranging from jewelry and novelties to clothing and various other articles of wearing apparel. Much of the stolen goods have already been recovered, including a lot of jewelry alleged to have been sold by Lynch under an assumed name, to a Ninth street jeweler.

A considerable portion of the stolen goods were found in the homes of the two men, the police say.

Said To Have Confessed.

The two men were employed in the cleaning department at the terminal and are believed to have used mail pouches from through-mail pouches to steal the goods.

Both men, at the time of their arrest, Officer Hamilton said, were found to have in their possession, loot which they confessed had just been stolen.

The men will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon before Commissioner McDonald. Federal laws provide for a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and five years' sentence for the offenses committed.

U. S. STATISTICAL FORCES WILL BE CENTRALIZED

Collection and publication of data relating to foreign trade will be centralized in the Commerce Department after January 1, officials said today. Customs statistics heretofore will be compiled by Census Bureau and other experts of the Department.

Officials said it is probable a large statistical bureau maintained at New York, for the preparation of trade figures will be moved to Washington and merged with the statistical forces of the Commerce Department.

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